

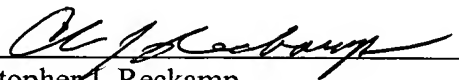
REMARKS

Applicant has amended the claims to conform to the subject matter indicated to be allowable. For example, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to include limitations from claims 19 and 20 respectively. The new claims are combinations of previously allowable claims. For example, new claim 21 is effectively the combination of allowable claim 2, new claim 22 is allowable claim 3 written in independent form, claim 24 is effectively the combination of previous claims 7 and 8, new claim 25 is effectively the combination of previously allowable claims 7 and 9 and so on.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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